(ङ) विधवाओं तथा वृद्धों के कल्याण तथा भरण-पोषण के लिए सहायता देने की केन्द्रीय योजना बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि कुछ राज्य सरकारें अपने-अपने राज्य की क्षेत्रीय योजनाओं के भाग के रूप में वृद्धावस्था पेंशन तथा विधवाओं को सहायता की योजना का कार्यान्वियन कर रही हैं।

Permission to seek retrenchment of 70 workmen of Paradeep Phosphate Limited

3246. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradeep Phosphate Limited, a Joint venture in Orissa has applied for permission to retrench about 70 workmen;

(b) if so, the reasons mentioned in the application;

(c) whether the Central Government have sought the opinion of the Labour Commissioner of Orissa; and

(d) if so, what is the opinion of the Labour Commissioner, Orissa, in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The management of the enterprise has sought permission for retrenchment of 70 security guards on the ground that they have become redundant on induction of the Central Industrial Security Force and they have declined to join the Force.

(c) and (d) The Central Government had sought the opinion of the Government of Orissa in the matter. The State Government has expressed the view that there is no necessity for retrenchment as these workers are not surplus taking into account the overall requirement of the workforce in the industry including guarding of the township.

An opportunity will be given by the Central Government in terms of the provisions of Section 25N of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to the employer, the workmen concerned and the persons interested in such retrenchment of being heard, before it takes a decision on the application.

LTIs in Gujarat

3247. SHRI RAM SINH RATHWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of ITIs operating in Gujarat;

(b) what are their locations;

(c) whether Government are considering to start more ITIs in this States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) If not, the reasons, thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) As on 31-7-91, there are 77 Government and 377 Private Industrial Training, Institutes operating in the State of Gujarat.

(b) Locations of Government Industrial Training Institutes and Private Industrial Training Institutes are given in statements I and II, respectively. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) The industrial Training Institutes are set up and administered by State Governments and U. T. Administrations. However, the Central Government will be assisting the State Government of Gujarat to set up 4 Industrial Training Institutes for Women under the World Bank assisted Vocational Training Project. Out of these, 3 ITIs are proposed to be set up during the Financial Year 1991-92 at Vishnagar, Bhavnagar and Billimora.